

House Resolution No. 4020

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in any of the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Joseph Rust Brown of Bell City, Missouri, was stationed at the Navy Air Base on Kodiak, Alaska, when Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked; and

Whereas, one of six men aboard a PBY Group surveillance plane that was shot down on that infamous day, Joseph Brown was captured and became a Prisoner of War along with W.H. Blackman; and

Whereas, Joseph Brown remained a Prisoner of War from January 1942 until August 15, 1945; and

Whereas, the courage, fortitude, and experiences of Joseph Brown will be the focus of a gathering of family members and friends at the Bell City Community Center, where he will be given well-deserved public honors and accolades; and

Whereas, Joseph Brown is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved spouse of Marcella Brown, who has supported and encouraged him in all of his life's endeavors, and as an alumnus of Bell City High School; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of such outstanding Missouri military veterans as Joseph Brown:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute former Prisoner of War Joseph Brown and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his contributions in support of democracy and freedom during World War II; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Joseph rust Brown of Bell City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Billy Pat Wright
District No. 159

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4020, adopted September 3, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker